

Poetry.

SHERIFF THOMAS.

OR WHAT TWO WOMEN DID.

BY J. T. THOMPSON.

That I should have a sheriff, and keep the jail,
And that you should be old fellow, you see,
March across the yard, should be my tale,
My prisoner—well, this is a curious tale,
As you'll agree.

For it happens, we've been here once before
Together, and served our time—although
Not just as you see now, you know, although
When we were younger both by a score
Of years, or so.

When I was a wild cat, two-thirds grown—
Too wild for even a curb or rein,
Playing my tricks till I—needn't explain—
Got three months in the jail, and then
With a lock and chain.

The fender was in, and the work was hard,
And work and I could never agree,
And the discipline—well, in short, you see,
Was rather a rough kind of care,
That carried me.

A stout steel bracelet about my leg,
A chain about my waist and feet,
I found some in the public street,
With a heart cramping full of hate as an egg
Is full of meat.

The school-boys jested at my prison rig
And me, if I moved, they used to call
For I went with a jerk, if I went at all,
A gentleman dancing the polka jig
At a county hall.

But once, as I sat in the mental place,
One day of stones, and hammering away
At the rocks with a heart as hard as they,
And cursed Maccabean and all his race,
There came a lady.

Sir, the forelady girl! I don't mean pretty,
But there was that in her trouble eye,
In her sweet, sad glance as she passed me by,
That seemed like a gentle plea,
For such as I.

And, sir, to my soul that pure look gave
Such a thrill as a summer morning breeze,
With its twitter and flutter of songs and
vibrance,
To one crouched all night long in a cave
Of venous things.

Down the broad green street she passed from
sight,
But all that day I was under a spell,
And all that night I remember well—
A pair of eyes made a kind of light
That filled my cell.

Women can do with us what they will;
I saw her—oh, yes—when I was free,
With a dash of a glance, had shown to me
The wretch I was, and the self I still
Might strive to be.

And if in my misery I began
To feel again the old struggle—
To turn my back upon things that were,
And my face to the future of a man,
'Twas all for her.

And that is my story, and as for the lady?
I saw her—oh, yes—when I was free,
And thanked her and—well, come with me;
As likely as not when supper is ready,
She'll pour your tea.

She keeps my house, and I keep the jail;
And the steady old fellow who passed just
now,
And tipped me that very peculiar bow—
But that is the wonder for of the tale,
As you'll allow.

For he, you must know, was Sheriff then,
And he guarded me as I guard him;
The fatter I was, the fatter his limbs
Just one of your high-falootin', straight-laced
men,
Pompous and grim.

The Great Mogul of our little town!
But while I was struggling to reform
My youth, he sank in the world's esteem;
My stock went up, while his went down,
Like the ends of a beam.

What fault? 'Twas not my fault alone
That he fell from his high position;
Of his sapping the heart and brain,
Then came his turn of breaking stone
With ball and chain.

It seemed, I admit, a sort of treason
To him and give him the cap and ball,
And that I was his keeper seemed worst
of all,
And now, in a word, if you ask the reason
'Of this man's fall—

'Twas a woman again—his wife,
And so I said, and as I said,
That woman can do with us what they will;
Strong men they turn with the twist of an eye,
For good or ill.

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DAISY'S STEP-MOTHER.

It was a commonplace picture—a
pretty slender young girl, seated upon
a vine-wreathed porch, looking down
at her feet, with a look of sadness
in her eyes.

At the sound of his footsteps the girl
looked up with a startled air, the lovely,
peach-bloom color deepening and
brightening in her cheeks.

A roughish twinkle showed itself in
Max Delaney's eyes as the good woman
disappeared in the direction of the upper
regions.

"My pack only contains the kit of a
strolling actor," he said smilingly.—
"But here comes the real Simon Pure,"
as a freckle-faced man, with a scraggy,
sandy moustache, climbed the steps,
bearing an armful of tinware and some
old-fashioned steel-yards. "I shall ab-
dicato in his favor."

Daisy's cheeks were burning hotly,
but she caught up her print sun-bonnet,
and taking a tumbler from the pantry-
shelf, led the way to the well, in the
shadow of some lilac-bushes at the rear
of the house.

Max drank the cool water she pro-
ffered as though it had been ambrosia.
On returning the empty glass, his gaze
happened to fall upon the pin that fast-
ened Daisy's collar. It was a cameo of
considerable value—a portrait finely
and artistically cut; but did not look
out of place, though her dress was of
common gingham.

"Beg your pardon," he said eagerly.
"But may I ask where you got that
brooch?"

"It was my mother's," Daisy replied;
"that is why I like to wear it."
"Oh, an heirloom! Can you tell me
anything of its history?"

"Very little. My mother prized it
highly. The likeness is that of some
relative—a great aunt, I believe."
"What was your mother's maiden
name?"

"Ethel McLean."

Max gazed at the young girl curiously.
He would have said more, but Mrs.
Wentworth's shrill voice sounded at
that instant, calling sharply for Daisy.

"Don't be loitering there, you good-
for-nothing child! You might try to
poison yourself with those poisonous
herbs you have been burdening me ever
since your father died. Go right up into
the garret and bring down the rest of
them robes."

Daisy flitted away, a painful flush
suffusing her face.

But she had not seen the last of the
handsome artist.

That evening as she stood dejectedly
at the garden gate, weary with the
labors of the day, and trying to
escape for a few moments from her step-
mother's shrewish tongue, he came
whistling along the lane, and stopping,
tipped his hat.

"You have been crying?" he exclaim-
ed, looking into the pretty forget-me-
not eyes.

"Yes," she admitted. "It was very
foolish of me."

"That dreadful woman has been
scolding you again?"

"I deserved it, no doubt. I am not
strong, and cannot accomplish much."

Max Delaney muttered something un-
der his breath.

"Why don't you leave her? Have you
no relatives to whom you could go?"

"There is only the great-uncle of whom
I spoke this morning—and I don't even
know where to find her. It would make
no difference if I did. She is very rich,
but my step-mother says she hates girls,
and could not be induced to give me a
penny."

"Suppose you go away with me?"

The girl stared at him, her cheeks
flushed, her lips parted.

"I don't understand what you mean,
sir," she stammered.

"There is no occasion to look so
frightened, little one, though it is very
sudden. But I look a little to you at
once, and I cannot endure to see you
abused. I want you for my wife, dar-
ling."

Daisy had had lovers before but never
for whom she cared.

At that thrilling sweetness she
thought through her veins. She felt the
spell of those magnetic eyes, but Max De-
laney was a stranger, she dared not yield to
it.

"No, no; you cannot realize what you
are saying, or else you are only laugh-
ing at me," she cried, running away
and hiding herself, with emotions singu-
larly blended of rapture and alarm.

Two weeks were on. Daisy saw no
more of the handsome artist, but she
was continually dreaming or thinking
of him.

One morning Daisy unexpectedly re-
ceived a letter. It fell first into her
step-mother's hands, who, in the exer-
cise of a privilege she arrogated to her-
self, immediately tore it open and pos-
sessed herself of its contents. It ran
thus:

"I do not expect to feel proud of a
grand-niece brought up in the courts,
but I feel that you are something of a
woman. You may come to me for a six
weeks visit. But don't expect to be-
come my mistress. My will is made al-
ready, and does not give you a shilling."

"Bless me!" Mrs. Wentworth exclaim-
ed, startled almost out of her senses.
"It is from that miserly old woman,
your great-uncle. How did she learn
your address? I wonder! And she has
sent me a check for twenty pounds. Well,
I never!"

Daisy's heart beat high with hope and
expectation.

"I may go," she cried in an eager
pleading tone.

Mrs. Wentworth frowned.

"I don't know how to spare you, just
as harvest is coming on. But that crab-
bed old maid would be angry if I re-
fused to let you go. Five pounds will
take care of her, and you'll want five
more for new clothes, that will leave
ten pounds for me and my daughter Jo-
anna. Yes, you might as well begin to
get ready."

When Daisy's preparations were all
made, and she was about setting out
upon her journey, Mrs. Wentworth said:
"Now I want you to speak a good
word for Joanna. She ain't no relation
of mine, but she is a good girl, and she
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Sunday Reading for the Children.

<p>The Light Within.</p> <p>In a book written by William Bain</p>	<p>About Flying and Balloons.</p> <p>What boy has not wished to fly? Who</p>
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In 1672, entitled "The Spirit of Truth Indicated," there is a chapter headed "The Spirit of George Fox." In this chapter William Fox presents the chief points of opposition to George Fox. He begins with "What we confess to God's glory to be our beginning, and stumbles at it, as much as did the Jews of old; I mean Christ Jesus, the great Sun of righteousness, and light of the world, the spiritual world, by which the invisible world, spirit of men come to obtain saving knowledge. God and what is required of them in order to attain eternal salvation." In his opposition to the doctrine of the light of Christ, this adversary of George Fox had objected to the use he made of the Scripture, "The Spirit was true in the lightest of every man coming into the world." William Fox made the interpretation which George Fox and all the early Friends have, always

In 1712, soap bubbles filled with hydrogen gas were found to rise, just as every chemical lecturer makes them do to this day. In the same year, two brothers named Montgolfier made the first ascent in a balloon over France. It was a globe about the size of five or six diameters, made of cloth, lined with paper, and open below. A fire was lighted beneath the opening, and when the hot air filled the bag, it became lighter than the surrounding air, and so rose.

Now, if you place the fire in a wire basket, hung to the bag, so that the fire was carried up, and continued to warm the enclosed air, the

hanging living animals in a basket below the fire; then in November, 1783, at Boulogne, Pilâtre de Rozier had the courage to make the ascent, and came back with a gas bag. The latter gas was used, instead of heated air.

Rozier and another undertook to cross the sea into England. They made a double balloon, placing a bag of hydra-

Translation, Luther. "He was the true light which enlightens every man that comes into the world."

Erasmus. "That light was the true light which enlighteneth every man."

they had ascended very far, the machine was consumed almost instantly, and the unfortunate voyagers falling headlong, were dashed to pieces on the shore below.

Small balloons are still made to rise

Deza. "This was the true light which enlightens every man that comes into the world."

Montanna. "He was the true light which enlightens every man that comes

Italian. "The true light was that which enlightens all men who come into the world."
Spanish. "Which word was the true light that giveth light to all men that

French. "The same light is the true light which enlightens all mankind coming into this world."
German. "That was the true light which enlightens all men: coming into this world."

Low Dutch. "This was the true light which enlightens all men coming into this world."^b

Anglo-Saxon. "It was the true light which enlightens every man coming into this world."

And to this we would add, that all advance in biblical criticism since the

strengthen his position; for the marginal reading of the late new version is actually stronger than any quotation given in this long list by William Penn; it reads: "The true light which lighteth every man that cometh into the

world." As much a Fast-quakerism boasts of its love for the Scriptures, and assumes that they are more enlightened than the early Friends were, the facts, nevertheless, that the Scriptures and best scholarship are against them.

The silken gas-bag is round at the top, and is prolonged at the bottom into

This doctrine in the writings of early Friends.

In this extract is found a most remarkable affirmation by William Penn—almost as strong as an oath of the re-

The top is covered with netting; from the net, cords support the car of basket work in which the aeronaut sits. He carries a quantity of sand in bags; if he wishes to rise he lightens the bal-

And this I publish to the whole world, that I never knew God truly and earthly, to be of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, I was never conscientious.

rought into true repentance, I never experienced real atonement, I never had a right faith in Christ, nor did I ever inwardly come to feel a cleansing from my sin, or a being justified by his blood, by which to know him my Mediator.

The voyager is sometimes prepared against such dangers by a parachute. This is made of strong cloth like a large umbrella, with strong cords in the

placed in waste homes, other corners from the sides sustain a small car. A small opening in the top, like a chimney, steadies the parachute, while the resistance of the air lets the man slowly down to the ground.

God would have all men be saved,
But they can never be saved,
Till they be regenerated;

To be washed, they must believe,
And to believe, they must repent,
And to repent, they must see why,
And to do this, they must have light:
And all this certainly.

And all this I strive.

I conclude therefore, that all men of themselves want light, that God since would have us saved, has given us

tain discerning, and that such as are aided by it are consequently certainly aided, in short, the light is both universal, permanent and infallible." This defense of the doctrine of In-

And now let none be displeased that have been so particular in handling a point of the controversies which seems the light, I confess it to be a most eminent article of our faith.

They had reached a height of more than seven and one-half miles; the temperature was fifty-two degrees below the freezing point; the air was too thin to support life. If Mr. Coxwell had not moved the valve at that critical mo-

There are no hod carriers in Germany. The bricks are passed by hand. The high-boys in the high-places are the messengers.

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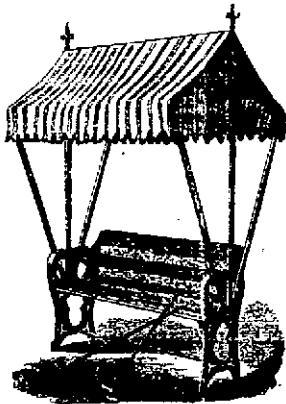
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